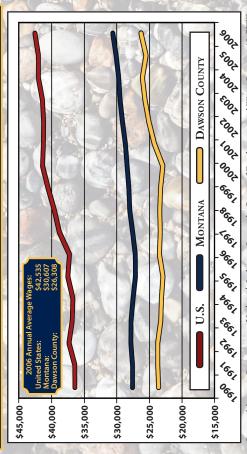
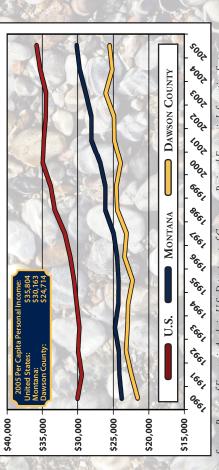
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Annual Average Wages, 1990 to 2006 (In 2006 Dollars)



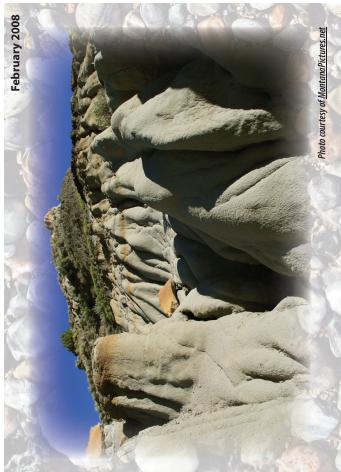
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Per Capita Personal Income, 1990 to 2005 (In 2006 Dollars)



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, Regional Economic Information System

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Dawson County is Montana's twenty-sixth most populous county, with an estimated 8,624 residents as of July 1st, 2006. Glendive, the county seat, is the state's twentieth largest city, with a population estimated at 4,643 in 2006.¹ Other cities and towns in Dawson County include Bloomfield, Lindsay, and Richey.

Glendive is considered the hub city of eastern Montana's agricultural area. Many large grain farms and ranches can be found throughout the region. This area is also known for its abundance of high quality agates.²

Dawson County is perhaps best known as the home of Makoshika State Park, an 11,531-acre badlands area reknowned for its dramatic rock formations and an abundance of prehistoric fossils. Some of these fossils can be found on display at the Frontier Gateway Museum in Glendive, where visitors can also marvel at American Indian artifacts, antiquated farm macinery, and its "Merrill West" exhibit, a walk-through replica of the Glendive business district of the late 1800s.²

U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

2"Glendive," http://www.visitmt.com/categories/city.asp?siteid=1&city=glendive

Resources for Dawson County

Chamber of Commerce

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Tob Service Workforce Center

E-mail: chamber@midrivers.com

www.glendivechamber.com

Glendive Job Service Workforce Center 211 South Kendrick Glendive, MT 59330 Phone: (406) 377-3314 Fax: (406) 377-5831 http://wsd.dli.mt.gov/local/glendive

Economic Development

Dawson County Economic Development Council 313 West Valentine, P. O. Box 173 Glendive, MT 59330

Ph: (406) 377-7792, Fax: (406) 377-7762 E-mail: dcedc@midrivers.com www.dawsoncountyed.com Eastern Plains RC&D 123 W. Main St., Sidney, MT 59270 Ph: (406) 433-5024, Fax: (406) 433-5306 E-mail: eprcd@midrivers.com

Newspaper

Glendive Ranger-Review 119 W. Bell St., P. O. Box 61 Glendive, MT 59330-0061 Ph: (406) 377-3303, Fax: (406) 377-5435 www.rangerreview.com

Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2006 (continued)

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| 12 58 1 | HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE | 23 | 583 | \$30,807 |
| 1 * * 1 | Ambulatory health care services | 12 | 58 | \$43,320 |
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| 23 260 33 109 15 46 4 15 14 48 31 738 16 586 9 115 | Accommodation | 11 | 128 | \$9,918 |
| 33 109 15 46 4 15 14 48 31 738 16 586 9 115 | Food services and drinking places | 23 | 260 | \$9,142 |
| 15 46 4 15 14 48 31 738 16 586 9 115 | OTHER SERVICES | 33 | 109 | \$15,610 |
| 4 15 14 48 31 738 16 586 9 115 | Repair and maintenance | 15 | 46 | \$20,714 |
| 14 48 31 738 16 586 9 115 | Personal and laundry services | 4 | 15 | \$24,968 |
| 31 738 16 586 9 115 | Membership associations & organizations | 14 | 48 | \$7,933 |
| Government 16 586 Government 9 115 | TOTAL GOVERNMENT | 31 | 738 | \$28,628 |
| 9 115 | | 16 | 586 | \$25,915 |
| | State Government | 6 | 115 | \$38,781 |
| Federal Government 6 37 | Federal Government | 9 | 37 | \$40,062 |

The QCEW program compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance. (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)



Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2006

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| Industry | Number of Establishments | Average Annual Employment | Annual Wages Per Job |
| MANAGER SHEET STATE OF SHEET SHEET | | | 1 2 |
| TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES | 339 | 3,355 | \$26,308 |
| TOTAL PRIVATE | 308 | 2,617 | \$25,654 |
| AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING | 2 | * | * |
| DNINIW | 10 | 70 | \$60,981 |
| Oil and gas extraction | 1 | * | * |
| Support activities for mining | 6 | * | * |
| UПLITIES | 2 | * | * |
| CONSTRUCTION | 31 | 69 | \$25,455 |
| Construction of buildings | 7 | * | * |
| Heavy and civil engineering construction | 2 | * | * |
| Specialty trade contractors | 22 | 53 | \$23,995 |
| MANUFACTURING | 9 | 33 | \$30,104 |
| Food manufacturing | - | * | * |
| Nonmetallic mineral product mfg | - | * | * |
| Fabricated metal product manufacturing | | * | * |
| Machinery manufacturing | 1 | * | * |
| Computer and electronic product mfg | 1 | * | * |
| Miscellaneous manufacturing | 1 | * | * |
| WHOLESALETRADE | 18 | 202 | \$22,219 |
| Merchant wholesalers, durable goods | 5 | * | * |
| Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods | 12 | 110 | \$18,373 |
| Electronic markets & agents and brokers | 1 | * | * |
| RETAIL TRADE | 53 | 517 | \$18,416 |
| Motor vehicle and parts dealers | 10 | 115 | \$22,282 |
| Furniture and home furnishings stores | 2 | * | * |
| Electronics and appliance stores | 3 | 9 | \$15,333 |
| Building material & garden supply stores | 80 | 48 | \$18,568 |
| Food and beverage stores | 8 | 157 | \$20,743 |
| Health and personal care stores | - | * | * |
| Gasoline stations | 10 | 72 | \$15,327 |
| Clothing and clothing accessories stores | 3 | 11 | \$13,434 |
| Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores | 1 | * | * |
| General merchandise stores | 3 | 51 | \$14,492 |
| Miscellaneous store retailers | 3 | 23 | \$6,510 |
| Nonstore retailers | 1 | * | * |
| TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING | 14 | 131 | \$54,690 |
| Air transportation | - | * | * |
| Truck transportation | 9 | 11 | \$34,597 |
| Transit and ground passenger transport | - | * | * |
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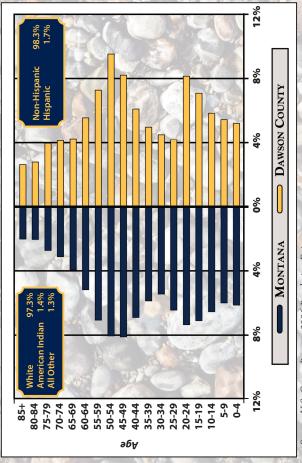
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Population for Dawson County & Related Areas

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| Geography | % Change 2000-2006 | July 1, 2006 | July 1, 2005 | July 1, 2004 | July 1, 2003 | July 1, 2002 | July 1, 2001 | July 1, 2000 | April 1, 2000 |
| Dawson County | -4.8% | 8,624 | 8,629 | 8,657 | 8,742 | 8,734 | 8,917 | 9,044 | 650'6 |
| Glendive city | -1.8% | 4,643 | 4,641 | 4,670 | 4,710 | 4,706 | 4,800 | 4,869 | 4,729 |
| Richey town | -6.3% | 177 | 178 | 179 | 181 | 181 | 186 | 189 | 189 |
| Balance of Dawson County | -8.1% | 3,804 | 3,810 | 3,808 | 3,851 | 3,847 | 3,931 | 3,986 | 4,141 |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Distribution of Population by Age Montana and Dawson County, 2006



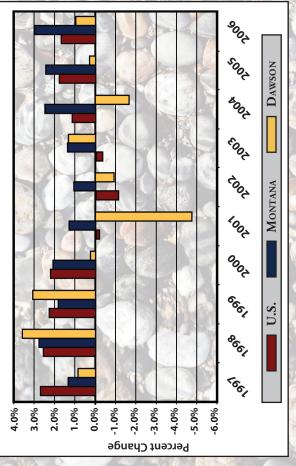
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006 Population Estimates

Highest Level of Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and older)

| Educational Attainment | Dawson County | Montana | U.S. |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|---------|-------|
| Less than High School Diploma | 17.3% | 12.8% | %9.61 |
| High School Diploma (or equivalent) | 30.5% | 31.3% | 28.6% |
| Some College | 27.6% | 72.6% | 21.0% |
| Associate Degree | %5'6 | %6'5 | %£'9 |
| Bachelor's Degree | 11.5% | 17.2% | 15.5% |
| Master's Degree | 2.3% | 4.6% | %6'5 |
| Professional Degree | 1.0% | 1.7% | 2.0% |
| Doctoral Degree | 0.3% | %6:0 | 1.0% |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

Percent Change in Employment: 1997 to 2006 U.S., Montana, and Dawson County



Source. Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

(Based on 2nd Quarter 2007 Data - Listed in Alphabetical Order) Top 10 Private Employers in Dawson County

| Business Name Size Class | Size Business Name Size Class |
|--|--|
| Albertsons 5 | Glendive Medical Center 7 |
| Best Western Inn | Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative 5 |
| BOSS Office & Computer Products 4 | Novo 1 |
| CCS Family Café | Reynolds Market |
| Fisher Sand and Gravel 5 | Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline 6 |
| Employment Size Class Coding: Class 9 = 1000+ employees, Class 8 = 500 to 999 employees, Class 7 = 250 to 499 employees Class 6 = 100 to 249 employees, Class 5 = 50 to 99 employees, Class 4 = 20 to 49 employees, Class 3 = 10 to 19 employees | Employment Size Class Coding: Class 9 = 1000+ employees, Class 8 = 500 to 999 employees, Class 7 = 250 to 499 employees, Class 6 = 100 to 249 employees, Class 6 = 100 to 249 employees, Class 6 = 20 to 49 employees, Class 6 |

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW) This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads and government agencies are excluded.

Agricultural Statistics - Dawson County

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| Operator Demographics | Primary occupation: (number) | Farming | Other | Place of residence: (number) | On farm operated | Not on farm operated | Years on present farm: (number) | Less than 10 years | 10 years or more | Age group: (number) | Under 55 years | 55 years and over | Average age of operators: (number) | |

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002 (D) - Not Disclosable

